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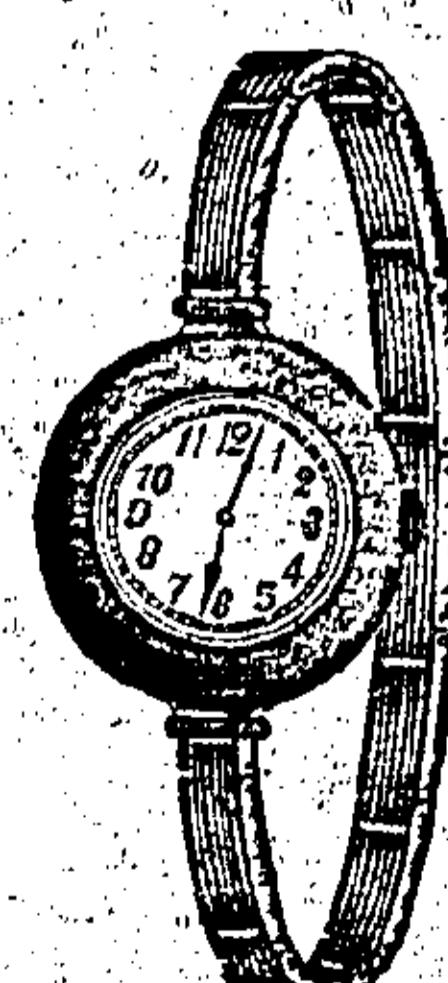
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Sinking Fund Account £123,230

£23,970,367.

Revenue Fire Branch £2,381,456

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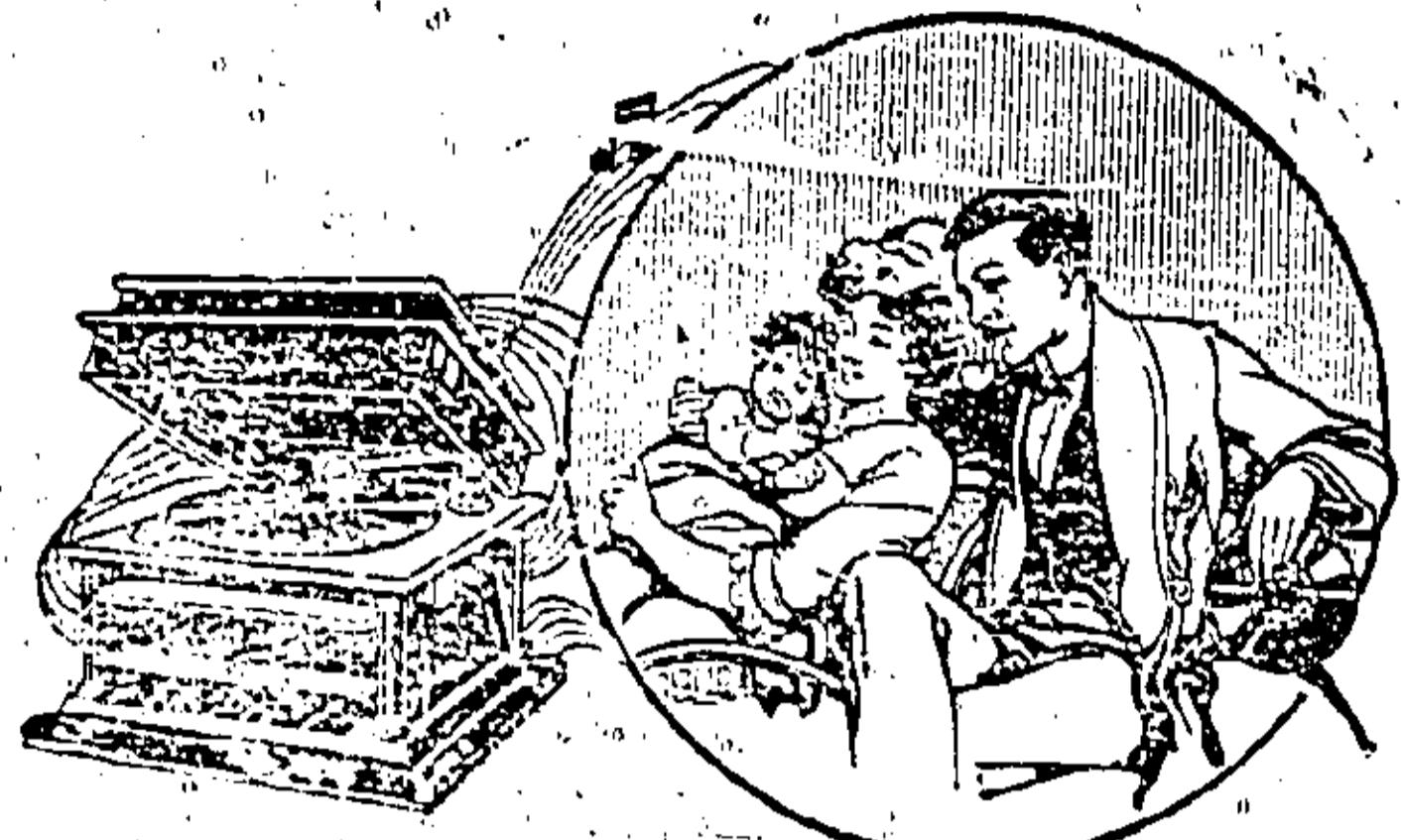
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Hongkong: Dec. 2, 1915. 1027

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series of dances to be held during
Christmas Week open to residents and
diners in the Hotel. These will take
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Time, Obvious.

I'm a poor old batch, and I live alone
In a little back room I call my own,
And for me would be no joke
If I hadn't "Three Castles" Cigarettes to smoke.

(CHORUS)

Ha-ha-ha, you and me,
Little Green Tin, don't I love thee,
Ha-ha-ha, you and me,
Little Green Tin, don't I love thee.

(2)

When I go down to work each day
I've got to smoke upon my way,
I smoke the best in all the land
Which means Wills' "Three Castles" brand.

Chorus.

I can't afford to smoke cigars,
My slender pay that habbit bars,
But I'm as pleased, it's common sense,
With a little Green Tin at 50 cents.

Chorus.

(3)
Like Johnson, it has proved its worth;
It is the "Greatest Smoke On Earth",
Obtainable from East to West
The "Three Castles" Cigarette is the best.

Chorus.

(4)
If I'd a tree that grew such leaf,
I'd pluck the foliage by the sheaf;
Then lay me down with spirits light
And smoke "Magnums" all day and night.

Chorus.

(5)
Ha-ha-ha, you and me,
Little Green Tin, don't I love thee,
Ha-ha-ha, you and me,
Little Green Tin, don't I love thee.

Chorus.

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO
FUND FOR THE ALLIED
FORCES AT THE FRONT.The following is the Subscription List
date:Total acknowledged to
the 11th December... 3,922.69

Since received:-

Per "Hong Kong Daily
Press".
Mrs S. B. Winslow ... \$20.00

Mrs S. Johnson ... 10.00

Per "South China Mor-
ning Post".Balance of, Appeal for
Hongkong Boys in
British East Africa... 2.68Per Hong Kong Tramway
CompanyCollected in Boxes on
Tram Cars from 1st to
13th December... 31.14Rowlton Dock Recreation
Club... 50.00

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Mr S. May... 3.00

Mr and Mrs F. A. P... 3.00

Mr Noordin... 5.00

143.82

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G. B. \$5, R. F. H. \$5.R. A. B. \$3, W. R. M. \$3,
C. M. \$5, S. H. D. \$3,
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73.00

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Ladies Bridge Book

13.60

\$3,438.11

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Coins... 3.07Consignment de-
patched on 15th
December 250,000

Cigarettes... 367.21 \$9,200.65

Balance in hand... \$ 147.46

Consequent upon the response, by a
genuine section of the community to the
appeal recently made the Committee have
been enabled to send a consignment of
250,000 Cigarettes to the Troops at the
Front as a special Christmas offering. A
telegram was despatched on the 10th inst.
ordering the "Smokes" and a request was
included in the message to have a printed
up with the words "Greetings from Hong-
kong" enclosed in the packages. It will be
assumed the Hongkong Agent will be
thoroughly appreciated by the men and the
Committee beg to tender their thanks to
the donors who made it possible to despatch
such a substantial consignment.It is not likely at Christmas time that our
Boys in Kukia and "Fag" so the Fund
is still open to those who will be good
enough to assist in keeping the consignments
going forward regularly.Hold on! The Tyrant's ranks are
thinned.

Great Russia gains her second wind,

Our loyal sons, once far apart.

Assembling for a swinging start;

Her faith to this Britannia pine;

It is the final lap that wins."

What though the Traitors hold the lead

By mean Jeets and Pathans greed,

For now the rugged combatants they feel

Rebellious of their weight of steel;

Big amirs score the race again;

It is the final lap that wins!"

Take heart, ye martial beneath the flood

Of savage hate and fire and blood;

Not to the swift the bays belong;

"Nor is the battle to the strong";

Weep not to know the Devil grins;

It is the final lap that wins!

Long live our King, the courses to see

From warlike, wild contention free,

Beneath the feet of swift Good Will;

The race to cure and not to kill;

When nations strive to shed their sins,

Tis still the final lap that wins!

ARTHUR WAGHORN.

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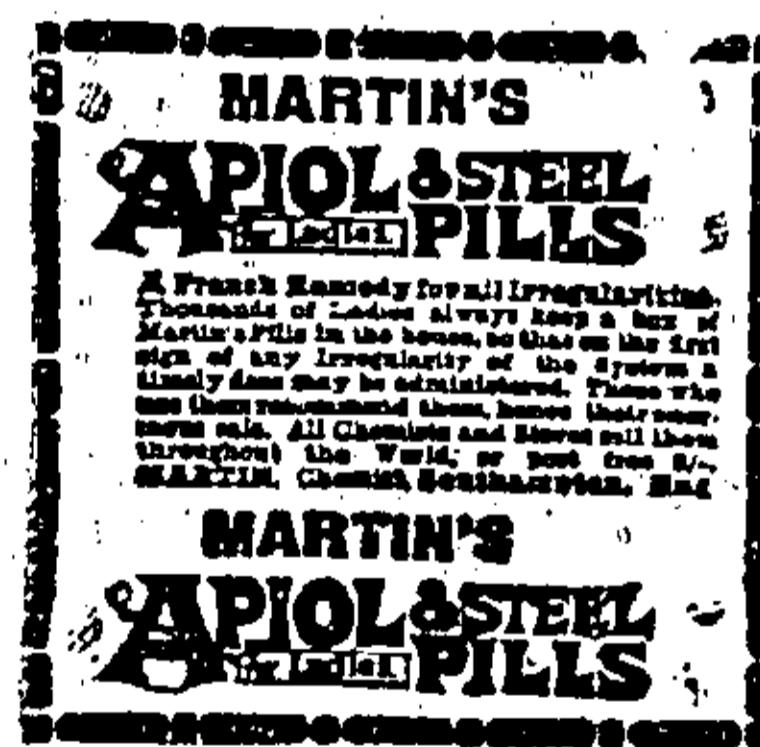
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THE WAR.

(Continued from page 5.)

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GREECE AND THE THREATENED
BULGARIAN INVASION.AN UNFAVOURABLE GERMAN
REPLY.

ATHENS, Dec. 24.
Germany has replied unfavourably to
the request of Greece that she should
prevent the Bulgarians crossing the
frontier.

There are further reports of concen-
trations by the Bulgarians and Germans.
King Constantine, who is now con-
valescent, has resumed his audiences.
His Majesty is much affected by the
difficulties of the situation.

Meanwhile the disembarkation of the
troops of the Allies continues.

LONDON, Dec. 24.
Up to the present there has been no
attempt made by the enemy to cross the
Greek frontier.

GREEK UNEASINESS.

ATHENS, Dec. 25.

The Greek public is very uneasy
over the possibility of the extension
of hostilities in Greek Macedonia,
particularly as regards the composition
of the invading forces.

The Greek military authorities,
however, consider an imminent inva-
sion improbable in view of the fact
that the Nish-Uskuk railway is

inadequate for the transport of
supplies, and likewise unsafe, and
because the Austro-Germans are
insufficiently strong to hold it against
the hostile Serbian population.

RUSSIA AND HER NEIGHBOURS.

STRONG SPEECH BY M.
SAZONOFF.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.
M. Sazonoff, in a strong speech in the
Budget Committee of the Duma on the
country's relations with Greece, said it
was now clear that in consequence
of the fortification of Salonika and
the occupation of Hamadan and
Kum we were enabled to scotch
German intrigues in Persia. Russia in
future should adopt a firm attitude
towards Persia.

M. Sazonoff emphatically denied the
senseless peace rumours. Russia was
determined to conduct the war to a
victorious end.

The Budget Committee passed a
resolution affirming the necessity for
devoting closer attention to the Persian
front in view of the greater importance
of the Asiatic theatre resulting from
events in the Balkans, and urging M.
Sazonoff, besides military operations,
to take direct measures to consolidate
Russian influence in Persia.

THE DARDANELLES.

PARIS, Dec. 25.

Artillery fighting is reported from
the Dardanelles.

A PREMATURE REPORT.

NO RUSSIAN LANDING AT
VARNA.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Later news makes it clear that
the report of a Russian landing at
Varna is baseless.

GERMAN SUBMARINES FOR
BLACK SEA.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Two German submarines have
been sent by rail to Rustchuk and
thence to Varna for the defence of
the Bulgarian coast.

A GERMAN APOLOGY TO SWEDEN.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24.

Germany has apologised for the
seizure of the Swedish steamer Argo
in Swedish waters.

THE FRENCH "LOAN" OF
VICTORY.

PARIS, Dec. 25.

Mr. Ribot announced in the
Chamber that the results of the
Loan were splendid. The subscrip-
tions amounted to £450,000,000
sterling including £24,000,000 from
London.

The feature of the Loan was the
vast number of small subscribers.
Mr. Ribot emphasised that France
was entering the market at a moment
when the enemy was already show-
ing signs of weariness.

ITALIAN LOAN.

ROMA, Dec. 24.

The Italian Government has an-
nounced a national 5% Loan, redeemable
in 25 years. The issue price is 97.

SHIPPING FREIGHTS.

IMPERIAL INCREASE TO
INDIAN PORTS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The Times learns that liner
freights from the United Kingdom
to all Indian ports will be raised
substantially early in the New Year.

UNITY OF THE EMPIRE.

STRIKING SPEECHES BY SIR
ROBERT BORDEN AND
MR. CHOATE.

ATHENS, Dec. 24.

Sir Robert Borden, the Canadian
Premier, speaking to the Pilgrims
Society, said he was convinced that
the war would accomplish an even
closer unity of the Empire. The
Mother Country and the Dominions
were never before so completely
united in ideals, inspiration and
efforts. "I visited," he said,
"many hospitals where men from
all parts of the Empire were brought
in close contact, each learning the
better to realise the idea of Empire,
and all determined to do their duty
to the end."

Mr. Choate (who some years ago
was the United States Ambassador
in London) emphasised the friend-
ship existing between Canada and
America, and the need for America's
preparedness for war, adding:
"There is no telling how soon we
may be involved in this war. It is
our duty to render whatever aid we
can to our neighbour when the time
comes, if ever it does."

INDIAN AMBULANCE SERVICE

FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

A SECOND COMPANY DESIRED.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 24.

The Imperial Government has
requested that a second company
of the Indian Ambulance Service
should be sent to an oversea destination.

Recruits are now being enrolled.

The first contingent of Indians left
Durban on the 17th inst.

AUSTRALIA AND THE WAR.

ANTI-CONSCRIPTIONIST MEETING

BROKEN BAY.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 25.

A crowd broke up an anti-conscriptionist
meeting at Richmond. The proceedings
were of the liveliest description, the audience singing
"Australia will be there."

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER IN
AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 25.

The Commonwealth Government
appeals for a Special Day of Prayer
in the Churches on January 2nd at
which prayer shall be offered for the
Divine Guidance of Great Britain
and her Allies.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT FOR
ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 24.

Mr. Hughes has announced that
200,000 tons of wheat have been sold
to the British and French Governments.

FIGHTING NEAR TEHERAN.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The Russians engaged 1,200 Per-
sian rebels and gendarmes near
Teheran and achieved an overwhelm-
ing success. They killed 140 and
captured 70 rebels. The Russians
lost only one officer and one Cossack
killed, and four Cossacks wounded.

ROYAL FAMILY AT SANDRINGHAM.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

His Majesty the King and the mem-
bers of the Royal Family have gone to
Sandringham for Christmas.

DUTCH WAR CREDIT.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 24.

The Second Chamber has voted an
extraordinary War Credit of £1
50,000.

MR. WEDGWOOD GOES TO
EAST AFRICA.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Mr. Josiah Wedgwood, M.P., who is
an officer in the New Army, has sailed
for East Africa.

CONSPIRATORS IN UNITED
STATES.MILITARY ENTERPRISE AGAINST
CANADA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

Paul Koenig (said to be head of
the German Secret Service in America)
and a man named Heyndicker have been
committed for trial for "organizing in
the United States a military enterprise
against Canada." The man Justice was
also committed for trial.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

An official communiqué from the
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THE PERSIAN SITUATION.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

In the House of Commons Lord Robert
Oscil said that the British Consul and
colony at Kerman left for Bandarabas
under escort on the 18th inst. It is
understood that the Acting Governor of
Yezd has been able to maintain order.
The British Consul and colony there
remained.

THE MAKING OF MUNITIONS.

NEED FOR SUSPENDING TRADE
UNION REGULATIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Mr. Lloyd George at Glasgow received
a deputation of munitions officials and
Trade Unionists. There was a general
exchange of opinions regarding the intro-
duction of more unskilled labour, which
is at present the most urgent problem.

Preparations have been completed for
a great meeting on Christmas Day, at
which Mr. Lloyd George will explain to
the Trade Union representatives the need
for suspending Trade Union regulations.

MR. BALFOUR ON SHIPPING
SITUATION.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

In the House of Commons the First
Lord of the Admiralty (Mr. Balfour),
speaking on the shipping situation, said
that an archangel from heaven would be
unable to carry out the war work without
some waste of tonnage. He did not
absolutely refuse to consider the suggestion
that the Government should take over the
whole of the merchant marine, but the difficulties
were enormous. He strongly urged that the
Munitions Bills be passed as quickly as
possible, because that would promote the
building of merchantmen.

BRITISH TRADE AFTER THE
WAR.

NATURES HAIR WARNINGS.

Nature never strikes without warning.

But people as a rule put off.

It is when the pillow shows the truant hairs in the morning: when dandruff and scurf sprinkle the hair, when it is dry and brittle—that it is time to commence **AT ONCE** using

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MARRIAGE.

CHRISTEN-EN-VIFAN.—On December 21, by the Royal Danish Consul General, at Shanghai, over ANDERSEN CHRISTENSEN, to MAGGIE EVELYN MARTY (Dai-yi) VIFAN, youngest daughter of the late Captain F. M. Vifan and Mrs. Vifan, of Hankow and Shanghai.

DEATH.

DA COSTA.—On December 18, at Shanghai, MARTHA MIRIAM DA COSTA, wife of P. Meira da Costa, aged 32 years.

XMAS PRESENTS

FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN
HANDSOME FUR SETS
UMBRELLAS & EN-TOUCHEAS
DAINTY NECKWEAR
FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS
GLOVES SCARVES ETC.

INFANTS AND CHILDREN'S
MILLINERY

PRETTY SILK SHOES
WOOL POLKAS
BIBS, TOILET SETS ETC.

GRAND DISPLAY

or
BRITISH TOYS.

THE DIARY.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.
President Wilson's Birthday (1856)

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, December 31.—

Hogmanay.

New Year's Eve Dance at the Hongkong Hotel.

THE CHINA MAIL OVERLAND EDITION.

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on that parade, and to describe them all as shirkers is calculated to grossly misrepresent the British male community to the outside public. We doubt if anywhere in the Empire is a community doing more than ours to fulfil the duties expected of it by the constituted authorities.

The adoption in this Colony of a scheme of registration similar to that initiated by Lord Derby in Great Britain, which the letter of the Chamber of Commerce suggests, would probably add little to the knowledge of the local Government as to what men in the Colony physically capable of service have not yet responded to the appeal to join one or other of the Colonial armed forces. The remarks made by H. E. the Governor in the Legislative Council in October last in connection with the King's appeal to all his liege subjects to join in the tremendous struggle in which the Empire is engaged, showed plainly enough that the Government knew who were assisting and who were not, and we have now His Excellency's word for it that there are now extremely few who are fit doing their duty by the Empire in some form approved by the Government. Among other points, he says, "we have not lost sight of the fact that a man who can work with his head to maintain, and, if possible, expand the trade of the Empire, and thus husband or increase the resources of the Empire, while at the same time he uses his hands in the defence of the Colony or for the maintenance of law and order, is too valuable an asset of which lightly to deprive the Colony. In pursuance of this policy many a young man has been refused permission to resign in order to enlist in the armies which are being raised in England."

Obviously the whole question, so far as this Colony is concerned, must be considered in relation to the views of the military authorities as to what is needed here for local defence, and the Governor has availed himself of every possible opportunity to emphasise that the stronger the Colonial armed forces are, the more men would the General Officer Commanding be able to spare from the regular garrison to proceed to the front, and the more men the Colonial Government could spare from the Hongkong Police and other Departments of the public service. No one can doubt the wisdom of the order of their going—the regular troops first. The short and simple comment on the whole matter is that it rests upon the authorities to determine what the strength of the garrison at this outpost of Empire should be at the present time, and we may assume that it is reduced to the limits which are deemed consistent with possible requirements: in that case, if the Colonial armed forces are weakened by any considerable number of our young men being "fetched" away, it can only mean that better trained troops would have to be diverted from other fields of service in order to maintain the garrison here up to the strength the authorities deem desirable and necessary.

The engagement has just been announced of Miss McArdle, who has been for nearly a year private secretary to Dr. Morrison, to Mr. E. B. Howell, acting assistant secretary to the Chinese Maritime Customs, says the Peking Daily News. Miss McArdle is still unengaged. And as for the "Volunteers themselves, the writer said they spend at the most but a few hours a week on military duty, and a hundred could leave Hongkong to morrow without any danger to the local defence corps." "The heroes have gone: God alone knows what those, who have failed can say for themselves." The answer to all this cheap criticism has been anticipated in more than one public speech by H. E. the Governor, and when His Excellency now says, as regards the Volunteers, that "the considered policy of the General Officer commanding, and of myself, is to keep the Volunteers up to the fullest strength possible, for reasons which we have fully discussed and upon which we are in entire agreement," he is, but reiterating what everyone should have been able to gather from previous official statements on the subject. No resident of the Colony will need to be told that if there were young men looking on at the recent Volunteer Parade it did not necessarily follow that they were not in their turn, doing their part to further the cause and the interests of the Empire in a branch of the Colonial forces not represented

Five sailors from the Chinese cruiser "Chia-chia," which was recently seized by revolutionaries at Shanghai, were executed at the Arsenal last week.

The Eastern Smelting Co. of Ningpo made a net profit of £32,912 on the last year's working and at the annual meeting to be held in London on 22nd inst., the directors were to recommend that a dividend of 10 per cent. be paid on the ordinary shares and 5 per cent. final on the preferred ordinary shares, both less income-tax, these dividends to be payable on December 24.

The following extract is made from a letter from Lieut. V. D. K. Cradock of Shanghai, published in a Shanghai contemporary:—"You will be surprised to hear I have run across Lewis (Lewis Ormond) of Hongkong, a cousin who has been in the trenches since last April, and he was quite surprised to see me. We have been in the same trench that he has been in, so you see the world is quite a small place after all. He showed me all the best places here and we also went to a concert together. The seats are really awfully nice; there are two or three which are served from the top, and usually music. Some of the others play very well and there is a piano in each of these places."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Full Court of three Judges will sit on March 8th at 10.30 a.m.

Christmas passed quietly in Hongkong. The services at the various Churches were well attended.

The body of the late Mrs. Murray Bain, who died at Ningpo on Friday, is being brought to Hongkong for burial.

Down to the beginning of December a total of \$17,000 had been collected in British North Borneo in aid of war charities.

The Peking papers are full of open just now—the discovery of a fossil "dragon" and a new star are supposed to be favourable to the New Emperor.

The "Peking Daily News" understands that over \$6,000 was realised at the bazaar held in the British Legation in aid of the Queen Alexandra Field Force Fund.

The following final dividends of Rubber Companies are announced:—Kuala Klang 20, Killingshall 7, Kruboug 7, Aspin 25, Kuala Selangor pays an interim of 35%.

A sum of about \$4,000 was raised in Shanghai by a sale of work organised by the Ladies' Society of Union Church. The proceeds go towards the purchase of a motor ambulance for the front.

Falling from this signal tower in the Naval Yard, on to the roof, a distance of about 50 feet on Christmas Day, Private Penfold, R.M.L.I., sustained shocking injuries which culminated in his death. He was taken to the Hospital but died yesterday morning.

The China Coast Officers' Guild and the Pat. Chi Club have been exempted from registration under the Societies' Ordinance. It is notified also that the Variety Entertainers' Society and the Wang Yik Club have ceased to exist.

The death is announced of Capt. Lawrence Ching, R.N., which took place on November 17 at Launceston. Capt. Ching, who was retired, was in his 73rd year. He was for some years in the Chinese Navy, when the navy had some pretensions to being a force, due to the work of the deceased officer, Capt. Lang, and others.

H. M. Commercial Attaché's Peking (Mr. W. P. Ker, C.M.G.Y.) reports that the total value of silk exported from China fell from £11,347,000 in 1913 to £9,563,900 in 1914, and the total value of silk piece-goods from £2,848,000 to £2,124,000, making a total decrease in the exports of silk and silk products in 1914 of nearly £9,600,000, as compared with the previous year.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Richard Arthur Branson Ponsonby to be his Private Secretary, with effect from the 18th inst.

Mr. F. H. Baker, of the firm of Messrs. Evans and Needham, solicitors, of Hongkong, has been granted a commission as temporary 2nd Lieutenant, R.G.A. with effect from the 23rd inst.

Mr. Morris, who has held a high position in China in connection with the British and Chinese Corporation, has been appointed Secretary of that body, in succession to Mr. A. N. Frewer, who has been promoted to a higher position.

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All officials of the Hongkong Government and all officers of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces stationed in the Colony are expected to write their names in His Excellency the Governor's visitors' book as early as possible in the month of January, says the "Gazette."

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SPORTING.

GOLF.

KOWLOON SPOON COMPETITION.

Sixties and foursomes were played over the Kowloon links yesterday in connection with a spoon competition organised by the Kowloon C.C. golf section. Play generally was very slow but Mr. McLennan's side won somewhat easily. The scores were:

SINGLES.

D. J. Mackean 0 K. McLennan

S. E. Green 0 Capt. Brydon

J. Jack 0 Capt. Liddle

R. L. Atkinson 0 W. T. Elson

J. Head 0 F. D. High & J.

N. L. Railton 0 F. D. Railton

J. P. Robinson 0 Capt. J. P. Robinson

A. E. File 0 Capt. W. E. Davidson

J. H. May 0 A. W. E. Davidson

J. Stalker and A. 0 M. L. Railton

J. Hamilton 0 D. Neilson

A. E. Silks 0 J. C. Finch

J. Hyde 0 J. Eason

H. Overy 0 S. O. Else

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ROUNDS.

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S. E. Green 0 Capt. Brydon

J. Jack 0 Capt. Liddle

J. Head 0 W. T. Elson

N. L. Railton 0 F. D. High & J.

A. G. File and D. 0 Capt. W. E. Davidson &

Harvey 0 A. W. E. Davidson

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KOWLOON.

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CRICKET.

A TWO DAYS' FIXTURE.

At the conclusion of the first day's play

for five wickets towards the 162 total of the Kowloon C.C.

The match which is

being played at Hongkong will be

completed to-day. Kowloon batted with

some consistency but the bowling of Bird and

Macaskill overtook the score towards the end

and wickets fell cheaply.

The score was:

KOWLOON.

A. J. Claxton, Pearce and Anderson

L. M. Whyte, C. Donnelly and Bird

THE WAR.

TODAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE DUTY OF BRITISH WORKMEN.

ANOTHER APPEAL BY THE MINISTER OF MUNITIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Mr. Lloyd George addressed a meeting of 3,000 Trade Union officials and foremen of works at Glasgow yesterday on the imperative need for the dilution of skilled and unskilled labour.

Mr. Lloyd George said he had come to submit proposals on whose acceptance depended not only victory but the saving of numberless lives. It was impossible for him to report through Parliament to the British Army that the workmen refused to suspend their rules to save the lives of their fellow-workmen on the battlefield. He refused to believe that British workmen were less patriotic than the French, whose devotion and self-sacrifice had enabled France to withstand successfully the terrible machine which, with the aid of German workmen, had scored a great victory over the Russians. But time was vital and help must be given without delay.

Mr. Lloyd George said he came on behalf of the Government, at the request of the British Army, to arrange for the manufacture of big guns and projectiles. "We need your help," he said.

When Mr. Lloyd George mentioned that the Committee which proposed the dilution included seven Trade Unionists he was interrupted by some cries of "We don't trust Trade Union leaders," and when he emphasised the necessity of securing 80,000 skilled workmen for the State munition factories a voice shouted "You won't get them."

Thereupon Mr. Lloyd George said: "I come to face 3,000 Trade Unionists. Will the interrupting venture to Flanders and face 3,000 British soldiers in the trenches?" (Prolonged cheers.)

After paying a tribute to the French resistance of the German machine as the result of the co-operation of the French workmen, Mr. Lloyd George dwelt on the excellent work he had recently seen done by women and said, if the men failed to adhere to the Government's dilution programme, "two alternatives remained; either to tell the soldiers it was impossible to get the guns to enable them to win in 1916, or tell the Kaiser frankly that we cannot continue and that he might let us off with the annexation of Belgium and the payment of an indemnity with a British Colony or two. He would certainly demand that Great Britain should surrender the command of the sea, and then Great Britain would be as completely at the mercy of Prussian despotism as Belgium."

Dwelling upon the necessity for haste, Mr. Lloyd George mentioned that there had been 800,000 casualties since the agreement of the Trade Unions with the Government last March, and said if the workmen helped "thoroughly and quickly" this would strengthen their claim on the British people at the end of the war for the redress of their grievances.

He concluded by saying that he wondered if the British people realised that this was a convulsion of Nature, uprooting the very rocks of European life, and said: "All this chaffering about relaxing rules and customs is out of place; you cannot huddle with an earthquake."

Mr. Lloyd George, after the meeting, had a satisfactory conference with the local officials of the Amalgamated Engineers' Society with a view to definite and immediate action for "dilution."

UNNECESSARY WORDS.

WHY waste words and advertising space in describing the many points of merit in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? The most healing are easily known—state that it cures colds and coughs from any cause, and that it contains absolutely no narcotics or injurious substances. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

THE PERSIAN SITUATION.

GREAT DIPLOMATIC VICTORY FOR ALLIES.

TRUERMAN, Dec. 26.

The Persian Cabinet has fallen and the Shah has nominated Firman Khan Premier.

This is a great diplomatic victory for the Allies.

GERMAN INTRIGUE IN PERSIA.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

It appears that the German Consul Reuss returned to Teheran after the abortive attempt at a coup d'état. Subsequently he left for Kermanshah, where he met an emissary of General von der Goltz. Afterwards he proceeded to Bagdad where he met Herr Vassel.

HERR BALLIN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

Herr Ballin, Manager of the Hamburg-American Line, publishes Christmas wishes in a German newspaper.

He says the men who are called upon to construct Peace will have the foremost task, besides ending a war which has destroyed generations. Simultaneously with the ending of the armament fever they must also find security that this sanguinary war will not be followed by an economical war which will separate the nations.

A TURKISH REPORT CONTRADICTED.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

The Press Bureau states that the recent Turkish reports of the sinking of monitors in the Tigris are untrue. No armed vessel has been sunk except two small river gunboats, the abandonment of which was announced on December 4.

GENERAL CASTELNAU AT ATHENS.

ATHENS, Dec. 26.

General Castelnau has been received by the King, and has met the heads of the Greek General Staff at luncheon at the French Legation. He departs again this afternoon.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ENEMY SURPRISED BY RUSSIANS.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.

Some sharp fighting is mentioned in a communiqué, the Russians repulsing an enemy attempt to capture advanced trenches near Buzacev. The Russians in the Rarontchik district surprised and captured an enemy work, which they held against desperate counter-attacks.

FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

RUSSIANS ROUT REBELS.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.

Details of the defeat of the gendarmerie rebels at Rabatkerim, twenty-five miles south west of Teheran, show that the Russians, learning of the arrival at Rabatkerim of a band of 1,000 horsemen, under the well-known Emir Khishmet, sent a detachment on Tuesday night in order to surprise and destroy them. The Russians found two battalions of gendarmes, 500 horsemen, and 200 Bakhshiari holding a fortified mountain fastness. They were received with a violent fire, but after artillery preparation the whole force attacked and routed the rebels, 118 of whom were sabred in the pursuit.

EXPORTS TO SWITZERLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

The London Gazette contains a long list of articles the exportation of which to Switzerland is prohibited except through the Société de Surveillance Economique, an organisation similar to the Dutch Overseas Trust.

TRADE WITH THE ENEMY LAW.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

A Bradford stuff merchant has been fined £250 for attempting to trade with a German firm at Bangkok through an agent in Switzerland.

THE "ZUKUNFT" PROHIBITED.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The further publication of the Berlin Zukunfts is forbidden.

AUSTRALIA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 24.

The new Australian High Commissioner to London (Mr. A. Fisher), was given an enthusiastic send-off on leaving for London.

GENERAL CASTELNAU IN GREECE.

SALONICA, Dec. 26.

General Castelnau has concluded his inspection of the Allied positions. He had frequent interviews with the British and French commanders, to whom he expressed satisfaction. General Castelnau has now gone to Athens, where he will call upon the King.

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LAST SEASON'S FLOODS IN KWANTUNG.

The following Memorial by Tang Hsueh-heng, Director General of the Kwangtung Conservancy Works, was officially published in the Chinese Government Gazette on the 15th inst.

The flood disasters of Kwangtung province this year has been considered as the greatest calamity ever suffered by the province for the past hundred years. The districts in the west suburb of Kwangtung City was affected, and all the districts of the Koung and Chao Tao Circuits as well as Samshui, Kankai, and Shunfu, Beisan Districts suffered more than anywhere else.

After investigation I submitted a report to the President in the 9th month, and as the calamity was so great and far-reaching we could not submit a more detailed report at that time. Since then experts and engineers have been engaged in careful investigations and now we are able to submit all details in connection with the late flood disasters, accompanied by charts and plans. All the places where the embankments were destroyed or washed away by the flood have been marked in the map. From which it will be clearly seen that the cause of the flood was the overflow of the water of the rivers in the west, which washed away from Wu-chow, destroying the embankments of Kouyo and Chungfu, whence it spread to the regions in the west and north, where the embankments were not strong enough to resist the flood. Consequently places north of Kunlun were converted into a vast sea. After all the embankments at Saibui were destroyed the water flowed to the rivers in the west and north. Unfortunately at this time the water of the North River also overflowed its banks thus making the flood more disastrous but by great efforts the embankments of Shihchien were saved from destruction. However at the vicinity of Shihchien, the embankments of Tsayshien were damaged and were rushed out flowing down to the provincial capital together with the water of the West River; and all embankments along the course of the water were destroyed. This is the reason there were also great flood disasters in Samshuihsien, Nankhienhsien and Shunfu.

According to former practice all the experience of engineering, with the repairs of embankments, to be borne by the Government and local gentry, therefore instructions have been issued for them to raise funds and appointed to the work. However the Bureau of Engineering and Conservancy has appointed engineers to oversee the work. Plans are to be carefully drawn up for the various difficulties to construct or repair their embankments, etc.

The President's Reply.—The memorial is hereby noted and referred to the Ministry of Interior for registration.

The case had not concluded when the last mail left.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Wah Tze Iat Po's Service.)

THE NEW NOBILITY.

A PROTEST BY THE CENSORS.

PEKING, Dec. 25.

The Chinese Ministers abroad will be elevated to noble rank.

The Censors are presenting a memorial with reference to the excessive number of elevations to the ranks of the nobles.

LI YUEN HUNG.

PEKING, Dec. 25.

Li Yuen Hung, the ex-Vice-President of the Republic, has a second time declined the preferred rank of Prince, and the Emperor has again declined to accept the refusal.

THE MANCHU PROVINCES.

PEKING, Dec. 25.

Jehol, Tsitsihar and Toeyuen will be constituted "Three Northern Provinces," with Kan Kai Tai as Governor-General.

THE OPIUM TRAFFIC.

PEKING, Dec. 25.

A Mandate has been issued reiterating the Government's determination to suppress the opium traffic.

THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS OF H.M. THE KING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

The following Special Routine Order by Major-General F. Ventris, Commanding the Troops in China, was issued on Christmas Day:

The following message has been received from His Majesty the King:

"Another Christmas finds all the resources of the Empire still engaged in war, and I desire to convey on my behalf, and on behalf of the Queen, a hearty Christmas greeting and our good-wishes for the New Year to all who, on sea and land, are upholding the British name.

In the officers and men of my Navy on whom the security of the Empire depends I rejoice, in common with all my subjects, a trust that is absolute.

On the officers and men of my Army, whether now in France, in the East, or other fields, I rely with an equal faith, confident that their devotion, their valour, and their self-sacrifice will, under God's guidance, lead to victory and an honourable peace.

There are many of their comrades now in hospital, and to these brave men also I desire, with the Queen, to express our deep gratitude and earnestest prayers for their recovery.

Officers and men of the Navy and of the Army, another year is drawing to a close, as it began, in toil, bloodshed and suffering, but I rejoice to know the goal to which you are striving draws nearer into sight.

May God bless you and all your undertakings.

INTERESTING EVIDENCE.

SALE OF ARMS AT SHANGHAI.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES & LONDON,

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR

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THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

| Steamer Leave YOKOHAMA | STEAMER Leave COLOMBO | Leave HONG KONG | Leave from COLOMBO to Marseilles and LONDON | Due at Marseilles | Due at London |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|------------------|
| Jan. 10 about | about | about | about | 1916 | 1916 |
| Dec. 18 1916 | NANKIN Dec. 26 1916 | SALOON Dec. 26 1916 | Steamer Leave COLOMBO | JAN. 29 | FEB. 5 |
| Jan. 2 1916 | NOVARA Jan. 10 1916 | 14 ARABIA Feb. 12 1916 | Steamer Leave COLOMBO | FEB. 12 | FEB. 19 |
| Jan. 18 1916 | KASHMIR Jan. 21 1916 | 28 KARMAKA Feb. 28 1916 | Steamer Leave COLOMBO | MAR. 28 | MAR. 4 |
| Jan. 20 1916 | SARDINTA Feb. 7 1916 | 11 KYBER Feb. 20 1916 | Steamer Leave COLOMBO | MAR. 25 | APRIL 1 |
| Feb. 12 1916 | NAMUR Feb. 8 1916 | 24 MEDINA APRIL 8 1916 | Steamer Leave COLOMBO | APRIL 25 | APRIL 19 |
| Mar. 12 1916 | NANKEIN Mar. 5 1916 | 10 MONGOLIA APRIL 8 1916 | Steamer Leave COLOMBO | APRIL 22 | APRIL 29 |
| Mar. 26 1916 | NOVARA Mar. 20 1916 | 24 MALWA APRIL 24 1916 | Steamer Leave COLOMBO | APRIL 29 | APRIL 29 |
| Mar. 26 1916 | MALTA April 3 1916 | 7 MOULMAN May 7 1916 | Steamer Leave COLOMBO | May 8 | May 13 |

Steamers proceed via Bombay.

Passenger change Steamers at COLOMBO.

Accommodation on the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of booking.

FARES TO LONDON AND MARSEILLES

The Fares to London and Marseilles are as follows—

| LONDON. | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| 1st SALOON "A" | Accommodation | SINGLE £74. | RETURN £11. | | |
| 1st SALOON "A" | "B" | £63. | £102. | | |
| 2nd SALOON "A" | "B" | £52. | £78. | | |
| 2nd SALOON "A" | "C" | £48. | £72. | | |
| 2nd SALOON "A" | "D" | £50. | £76. | | |
| 2nd SALOON "A" | "E" | £48. | £69. | | |

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|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | about 1916 | about | about | about | about 1916 | about 1916 |
| NELLORE | Jan. 17 | Jan. 27 | Feb. 2 | Feb. 8 | Mar. 9 | Mar. 16 |
| MONGARA | Jan. 31 | Feb. 10 | Feb. 16 | Feb. 22 | Mar. 23 | Mar. 30 |
| NORE | Feb. 23 | Mar. 9 | Mar. 15 | Mar. 21 | April 20 | April 27 |
| NAGOYA | April 10 | April 20 | April 26 | May 2 | June 1 | June 9 |

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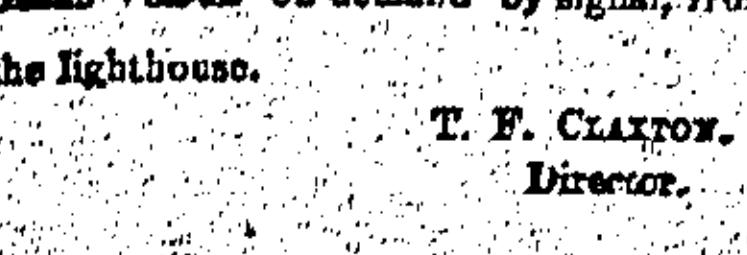
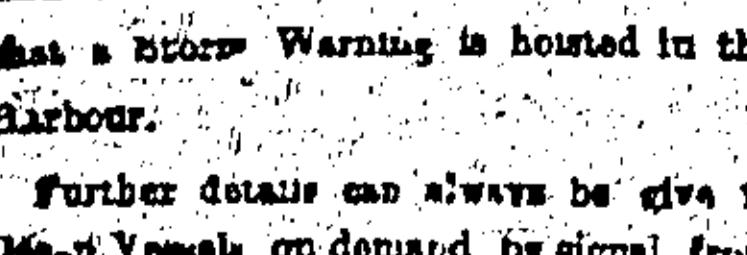
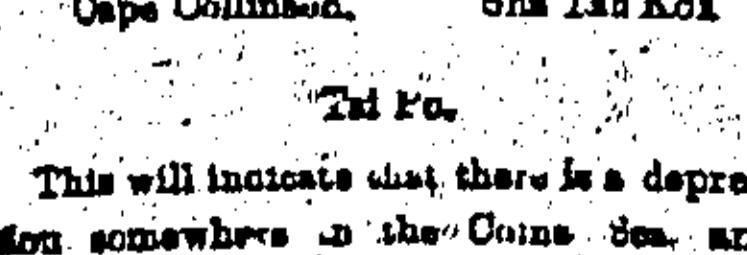
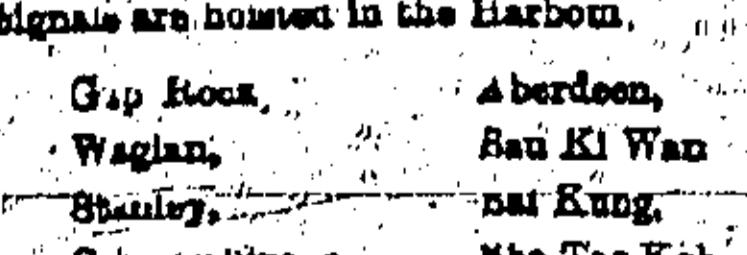
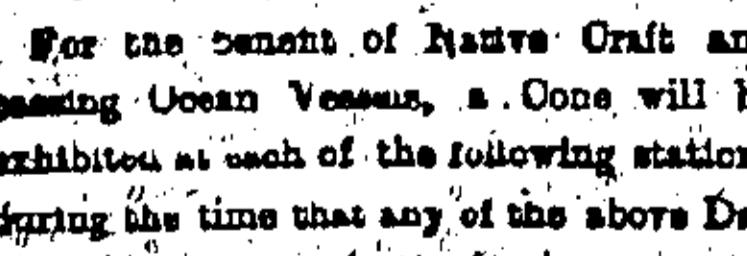
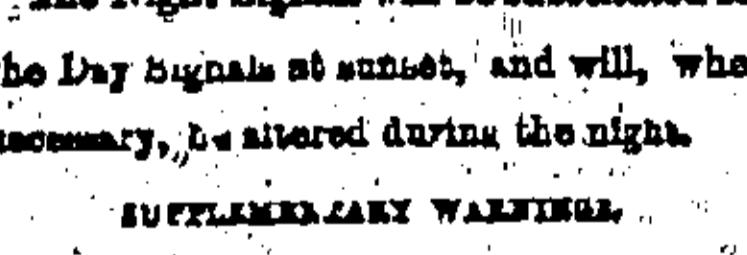
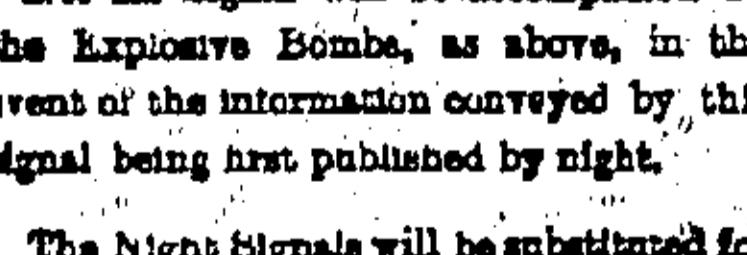
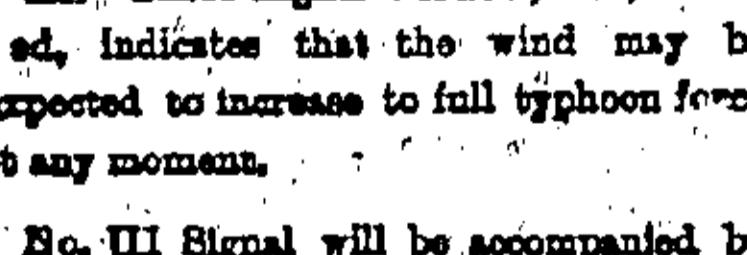
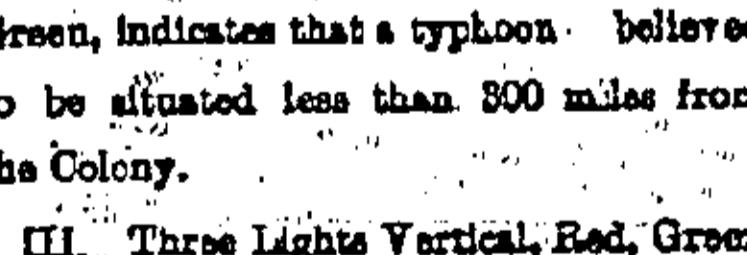
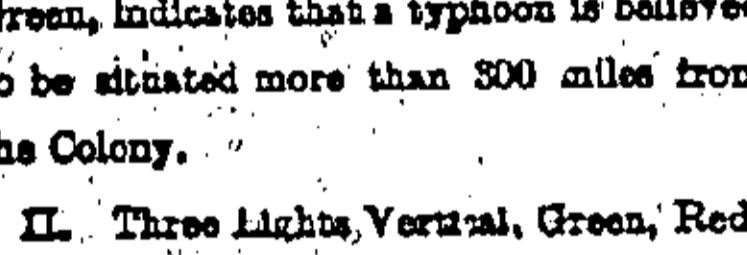
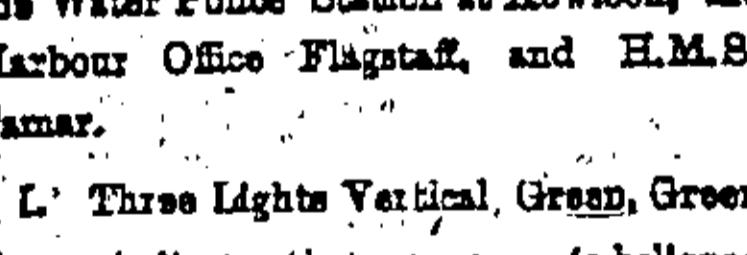
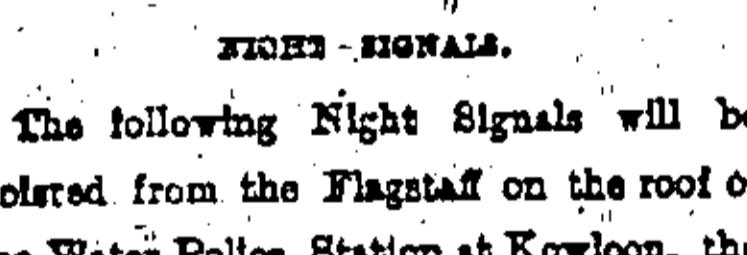
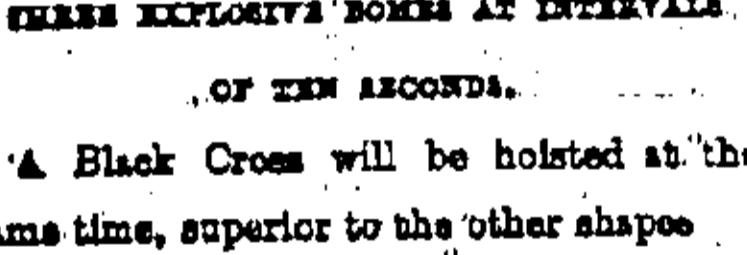
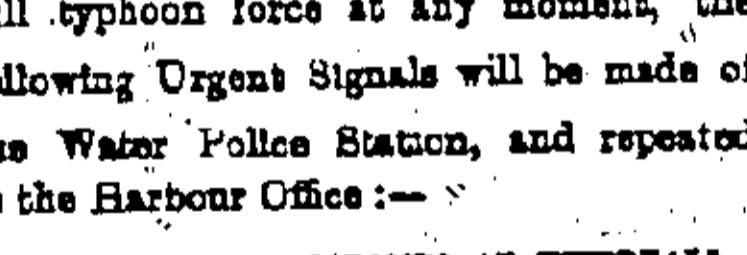
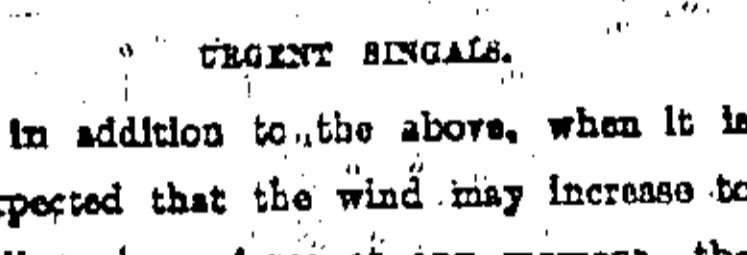
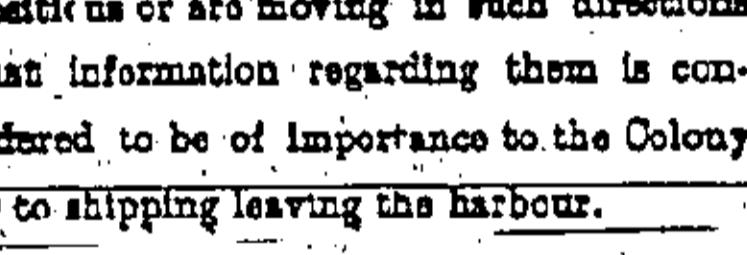
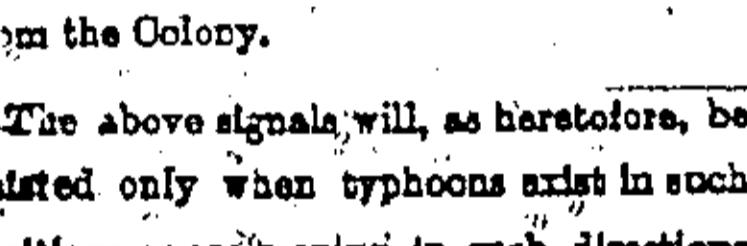
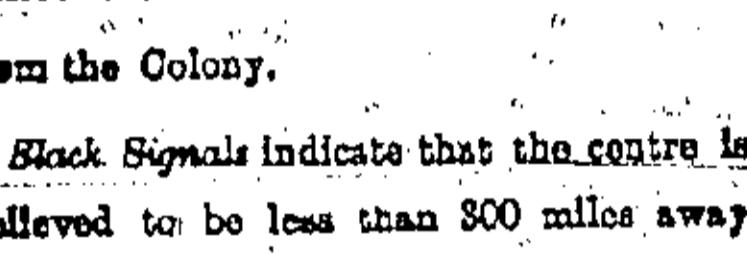
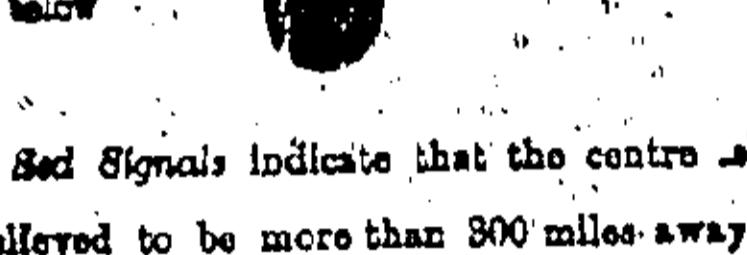
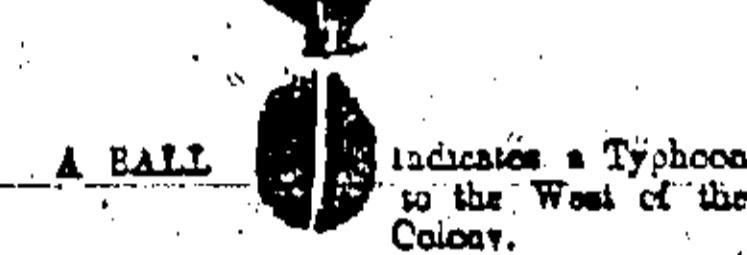
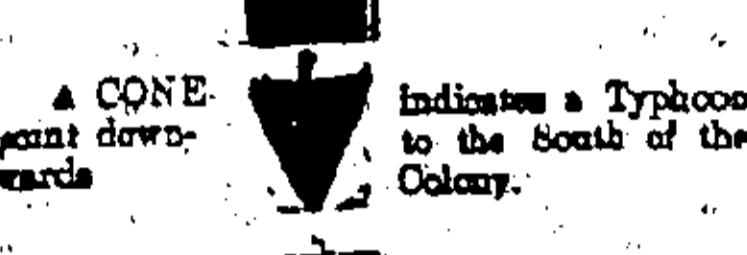
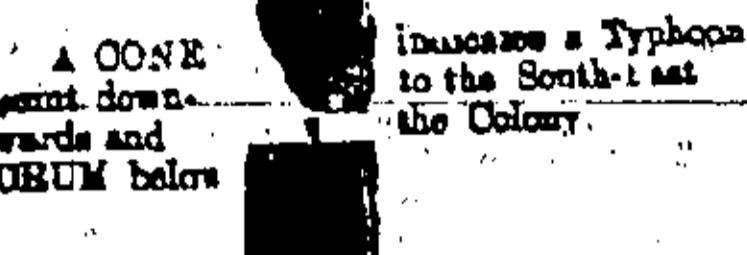
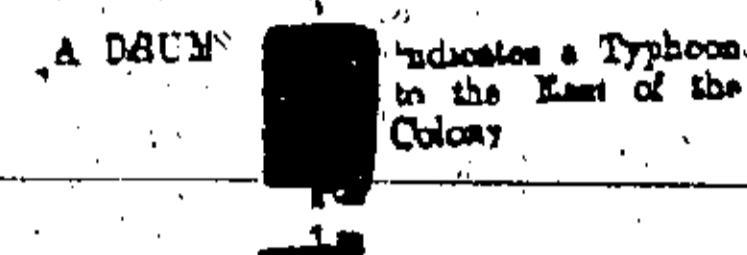
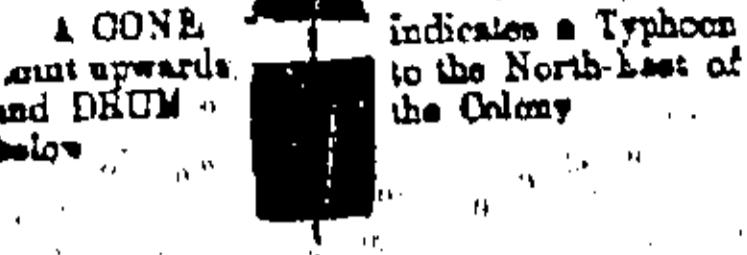
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STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Montague*, left Yokohama on Wednesday, the 22nd December, due to arrive at Vancouver on Saturday, the 1st January.

The Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.'s s.s. *Kudowa*, left Calcutta on the 13th December, due Hongkong on the 4th January.

LATEST ARRIVES.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Nanking* left Shanghai for this port on the afternoon of 26th December, and is due here on the 29th December, at about 9 a.m.

PARCELS FOR AUSTRALIA.

On and after the 1st of January next the rate of postage to be collected on parcels to the Commonwealth of Australia will be as follows:—

\$0.60 for the first lb. or fraction thereof, \$0.30 for each succeeding lb. or fraction thereof.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Agulha Radio Telegraph Station:

Mails will close for:

FORT BAYARD & HAIPHONG. Per *Hue*, at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, the 28th Dec.

SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW. Per *Hirano*, at noon, on Tuesday, the 28th Dec.

BONHAI ISLAND. Per *Chesco*.

WELLAWEE. Per *Ton*, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 28th Dec.

HANKOW. Per *Shantung*, 22, Coal.—E. H. Ray.

CHING CHUA. British steamer, 1,950, J. S. Doyle, Port Parcival Dec. 23. Cement Stone.—SZEWA, TOME & CO.

PEKING, British str., 1,065, M. C. Bird, Saigon Dec. 20, Rice and General—CHINER.

FEICHUNG, Chinese str., from Canton. December 27.

HAINAN, Chinese steamer, 1,368, Hamblin, Shanghai Dec. 23, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

LOMAGUNG, British str., 1,093, Leek, Manila December 24, General—JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO. LTD.

TIETUNG, Dutch steamer, 3,600, J. P. Scholten, Kobe Dec. 21, General and Coal.

BATAVIA, SAMARANG, SOEURABAJA & PORT MURESBY (via Batavia). Per *Triton*, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 28th Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA. (Europe via Siberia).

Per *Shing Mori*, Registration at 10.15 a.m., Letters at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 29th Dec.

SHANGHAI BRITISH P.O., Saturday, 1st Dec.

SHANGHAI NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via NAGASAKI, HONOLULU U.S. SOUTH AMERICA & CANADA via SAN FRANCISCO & UNITED KINGDOM via CANADA. (Europe via Siberia).

Per *Shing Mori*, Registration at 10.15 a.m., Letters at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 29th Dec.

SHANGHAI BRITISH P.O., Saturday, 1st Jan.

STRAITS & INDIA via CALCUTTA. Per *Foxing*, at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, the 19th Dec.

STRAITS, BURMAH, Ceylon, ADLAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT & EUROPE. Per *Aurinko*, on Thursday, the 30th Dec.

Registered 1.15 p.m. Letters at 2 p.m.

The Postal Mail will be closed on 29th Dec. at 5 p.m.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director, Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 27, 1915.

REDACTED, reduced to 1/2 degree Fahrenheit at the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

TEMPERATURE, in degrees Fahrenheit.

BAROMETER, in percentage of saturation the density of air, corrected for temperature and pressure.

FORCE OF WIND according to Beaufort Scale.

WATER OR WAVE, a blue sky, a calm, a drizzling rain, fog, a gale, a half-lightning, a squall, a gale, a storm, gales, a gale, a hurricane, a visibility of less than 1000 ft.

WIND, in inches, width and breadth.

BONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the Naval Almanac Office from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1907-8-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the point of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be a few inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 10 feet and, on the gauge at Lamson Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 6 inches to the height given in the table.

GAP HOUSE, Aberdeen.

Wagian, Kai Ki Wan.

Stanley, Kai Chung.

Gap Colliery, Shai Kok.

Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the Coles Bay and that a typhoon warning is posted in the harbour.

Further details can always be given to *China Mail* on demand by signal, from the lighthouse.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

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